

CB 21. (Previously Presented) An extruded frame member according to claim <sup>24</sup>25, wherein said thickened part has a width that is substantially equal to a width of said extended part.

22. (Previously Presented) An extruded frame member according to claim 24, wherein said thickened part has a width that is substantially equal to a width of said extended part.

23. (Previously Presented) An extruded frame member according to claim 24, wherein a side surface, of the extended part, furthest from the thickened part, and a side surface of the thickened part, furthest from the extended part, extend obliquely.

24. (Currently Amended) An extruded frame member for use in a friction stir welding, said extruded frame member including at least one plate, wherein:

said extruded frame member is adapted to be arranged adjacent another extruded frame member so as to be abutted to said another extruded frame member such that the friction stir welding of said extruded frame member and said another extruded frame member can be carried out;

at least one end portion of a width of said at least one plate of said extruded frame member is provided respectively with a thickened part which protrudes from a side of said at least one plate of said extruded frame member, in a thickness direction of said at least one plate of said extruded frame member;